



2004 Legislative Priorities

Vehicles: School Zone Fines
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Background:

- What governmental functions are at issue?
 - The City's Back-To-School traffic safety campaign is designed to help students stay safe as the new school year begins.
 - A tool to help the safety of school children is the doubling of fines for speeding and other related violations in school zones.
- Why is legislation required?
 - In September 2002, the State of California adopted a pilot program in Alameda, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties to permit the doubling or increasing of fines occurring in a specially posted school zone. In order for the provisions of this law to go into effect, a vote of the city council, or the county board of supervisors, as appropriate is required.
 - For San Diego to adopt more stringent penalties for violations within a school zone, it must be included in the pilot program thereby requiring new legislation.
- How would the proposal permit the City to perform more effectively?
 - By permitting the City to enhance vehicle violations within school zones, an added deterrent to unsafe driving will be created.

Proposal

- Specify what sections of state law require amendment
 - Section 45452 of the Education Code
 - Section 42011 of the Vehicle Code
- Provide specific amendment language you seek
 - Amend Section 45452 of the Education Code as follows: "(a) The County of Alameda, *the County of San Diego*, the County of Santa Barbara, the County of Ventura, or any city within any of these counties, ..."
 - Amend Vehicle code Section 42011 (c) (1) "This section applies only in Alameda County, *San Diego County*, Santa Barbara County, Ventura County, or in a city in any of these counties, ..."